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SUBJECT: TOTH CASE: EMBASSY PROTEST JUNE 17

REF: MOSCOW 8676 (NOTAL)

1. DCM SAW MFA USA DIVISION DEPUTY CHIEF V. G. KOMPLEKTOV
JUNE 17 AND READ NOTE OF PROTEST ON TOTH CASE (TEXT
TRANSMITTED REFTEL).

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2. KOMPLEKTOV RESPONDED BY REASSERTING THAT THE SOVIETS
STAND BY THEIR PROTEST OF JUNE 14 AND STATING THAT TOTH'S
"ACTIONS HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY
OF A JOURNALIST." THE TOTH CASE, HE SAID, DOES NOT
CONCERN WHAT TOTH WROTE ABOUT THE SOVIET UNION, BUT
ABOUT HIS ACTIONS IN THE USSR WHICH WERE NOT PROFESSIONAL
JOURNALISTIC ACTIVITIES. HE WAS NOT MORE SPECIFIC

ABOUT THESE "ACTIVITIES." KOMPLEKTOV ALSO NOTED THAT CSCE ACCORDS DO NOT GUARANTEE SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES OF JOURNALISTS BUT REFER TO GENERAL CONDUCT, AND ON THIS POINT, TOTH'S CONDUCT WAS NOT IN ACCORD WITH HIS STATUS AS A JOURNALIST. FINALLY, KOMPLEKTOV STATED THAT THE QUESTION OF THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND USSR WAS A POLITICAL QUESTION AND WILL BE AFFECTED BY "POLITICAL DECISIONS," THUS IMPLYING THAT THE SOVIETS DO NOT CONSIDER THE TOTH CASE TO BE POLITICAL AND THAT IT WOULD BE UP TO THE U.S. TO GIVE IT A POLITICAL CHARACTER.

3. DCM REPEATED THE MAIN POINTS OF THE NOTE EMPHASIZING THAT WE DO NOT CONSIDER THAT ANY OF THE ACTIVITIES OF MR. TOTH WERE ANYTHING BUT THE OPEN, FRANK, AND NORMAL ACTIVITIES OF A JOURNALIST.

4. KOMPLEKTOV ENDED THE DISCUSSION WITH THE COMMENT THAT THE POSITIONS OF THE TWO SIDES WERE KNOWN AND THAT THERE WAS NOTHING MORE TO BE SAID.

5. COMMENT: KOMPLEKTOV TREATED THE ENTIRE MATTER IN A SERIOUS, BUT RELAXED, MANNER AND RESTATED THE SOVIET POSITION IN A MATTER-OF-FACT WAY.
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